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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the National Security Medal to

General WALTER BEDFORD SMITH

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

As Director of Central Intelligence, he made an outstanding contribution to the national security of the United States. Through his firmness and tact, perceptiveness and judgment, and withal, through his brilliant leadership in a position of highest responsibility, he ensured the realization of that ideal of a coordinated intelligence effort which was set forth by the Congress in 1947, and brought to a new height of effectiveness the intelligence machinery of the United States Government. Through his well-grounded and clearly-defined concept of intelligence, reinforced by his recognized integrity and high personal prestige, he won acceptance of the principle that policy decisions must be based upon sound intelligence.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 21, 1953

MEMORANDUM

TO: Allen Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence

FROM: Bernard M. Shanley
Acting Special Counsel
to the President

The President has executed the citation
to General Walter Bedell Smith of the National Security
Medal.

B. Shanley

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